

Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of forming a hollow structure having an internal coating comprising the steps of:

_____ placing a core shaped to form the internal surface of the structure in a mould,

_____ filling the mould with a material powder,

_____ hot isostatically pressing the powder about the mould to consolidate the powder, and

_____ removing the core from the hollow structure formed,

_____ wherein a coating is applied to the core prior to placement in the mould, which coating bonds to the hollow structure formed, during the hot isostatic pressing, to form the internal coating, and

_____ wherein the coating applied to the core comprises a first coating applied to the core and a second coating applied over the first coating, and

_____ wherein the first coating is a ceramic coating and the second coating is a bond coating, such that the coating as a whole preferentially bonds to the powder consolidated about the core during the hot isostatic pressing process.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Canceled)

4. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 1 wherein the second coating comprises a MC_xAl_y bond coat.

5. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 1 wherein the second coating comprises a ceramic-metal mix bond coat, the proportions of metal in the coating varying from about 0% at the surface of the core to about 100% at the coating extremity.

6. (Original) A method of forming a hollow structure as claimed in claim 1 wherein the core is made of mild steel and its removal is effected by use of a chemical agent.

7-10. (Canceled)

11. (Previously Presented) A method of forming a hollow structure having an internal coating comprising the steps of placing a core shaped to form the internal surface of the structure in a mould, filling the mould with a material powder, hot isostatically pressing the powder about the mould to consolidate the powder, and removing the core from the hollow structure formed, wherein a coating is applied to the core prior to placement in the mould, which coating bonds to the hollow structure formed, during the hot isostatic pressing, to form the internal coating, and wherein the core is made of mild steel and its removal is effected by use of a chemical agent.